

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT TOWN COUNCIL IN SPECIAL MEETING FOR A STUDY SESSION, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M., 50 EAST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, GILBERT, ARIZONA

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor John Lewis, Vice Mayor Jordan Ray, Councilmembers Eddie Cook, Jenn Daniels, Victor Petersen, Brigitte Peterson, and Jared Taylor

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Patrick Banger, Assistant Manager Marc Skocypec, Deputy Clerk Lisa Maxwell, Attorney Michael Hamblin, Parks and Recreation Director Rod Buchanan, Risk Manager Leland Frische, Public Works Director Ken Morgan, and Water Department Manager Jessica Marlow

CALL TO ORDER OF SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting began at 4:05 p.m.

1. Review items scheduled for the Council Meeting of September 10, 2015 at which time items will be acted on or continued.

Mayor Lewis made Council assignments for scouts, presentations, recognitions, and proclamations for the meeting.

The following items for the September 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed and discussed:

- 5. REQUEST FOR SOLICITATIONS-** consider authorizing the issuance of three solicitations for the purposes of seeking public-private agreement proposals on three vacant Town owned properties.

Councilmember Jared Taylor said he discussed this item with Parks and Recreation staff. A Public/Private Partnership is not the only option for these properties. If someone would like to purchase the properties they can do that. He asked if the wording on this item needs to be updated for the Thursday night Council meeting. Parks and Recreation Director Rod Buchanan said the purpose of this item is to allow staff to issue solicitations in order to receive proposals for the use of these properties. Council can then use the information to make the best decision on how to proceed. The goal is to find out if there are any sustainable projects that could provide a longer revenue stream to the Town. Any proposal received would not be binding and Council has the option to approve or deny any proposal. Councilmember Jared Taylor said he wants to make sure the public knows that selling the properties is also an option. Assistant Manager Marc Skocypec said if Council's decision is to sell the properties it cannot be done through this process. The properties would have to be appraised and there would have to be a competitive bid. Staff could begin that process at the direction of Council. Parks and Recreation Director Rod Buchanan said appraisals would

give an idea of the value of the properties if they were to be leased or sold. Council could use the information to make a decision at a later time.

2. Presentation and discussion on the Town of Gilbert Employee Safety Program.

Risk Manager Leland Frische gave an overview of the evolution of the Town's safety program. The safety program falls under high performing government in the Town's 2016 Strategic Initiatives. There is a Wildly Important Goal (WIG) to reduce the frequency and severity of accidents by Town staff. Safety was included as a functional competency for all Town employees and everyone is rated on safety at their annual performance review.

Councilmember Jenn Daniels asked if this program was developed internally or whether it was modeled after another program. Risk Manager Leland Frische said the Town began working with Traveler's Insurance in 2013 and the Leadership program was modelled after Traveler's program. The program was then re-evaluated and expanded. There was discussion about how to improve safety while maintaining high levels of service. Public Works Director Ken Morgan said his department incorporates safety as an active component of their standard operating procedures. The Lean Six Sigma process can help ensure processes do not deteriorate. Councilmember Victor Petersen said he would like to see some reports by department on safety issues. Councilmember Eddie Cook asked if property safety was included. Risk Manager Leland Frische said they look at all incidents the same and they look to find ways to avoid those incidents. There is not dashboard for measuring this.

3. Presentation and discussion of the placement of the fluoride warning on Town water bills.

Water Department Manager Jessica Marlow went over some facts about fluoride and the fluoridation process of water in Gilbert. Vice Mayor Jordan Ray said it is important to remember voters approved adding fluoride to the Town water and Council cannot stop that process. He would like to see a statement added to Town water bills concerning fluoride. There was discussion about the exact wording of the statement and whether or not it would be on both the paper and electronic versions of the bills. Councilmember Victor Petersen suggested shortening the proposed statement and including language regarding the use of fluoridated water in infant formula. Mayor John Lewis said Vice Mayor Jordan Ray could work with staff to see a statement is included in all water bills and if the wording is changed he can report that change to Council. Councilmember Eddie Cook asked about the corrosiveness of fluoride on equipment and how much money could be saved on wear and tear of equipment if the water was not fluoridated. Water Department Manager Jessica Marlow said she could compile that information.

4. Discussion on the efficiency and effectiveness of Study Sessions and Council Meetings.

No discussion.

The meeting ended at 4:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

John W. Lewis, Mayor

Lisa Maxwell, CMC, Deputy Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the Town Council of the Town of Gilbert held on the 8th day of September, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____.

Lisa Maxwell, CMC, Deputy Town Clerk